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CONSULTANCY AND MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS BY ONGC
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ONGC has set up a unit to leverage its knowledge and technological skills through consultancy and maintenance contracts ;

(b) if so, the details of contracts signed during the last one year in this regard alongwith the names of countries ;

(c) the future plans drawn to expand ONGC know-how throughout the world ; and

(d) the foreign exchange likely to be earned therefrom?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATRUAL GAS AND PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) & (b) :- Leveraging its best experience and rich technical competence in Exploration and Production of hydrocarbons, ONGC has been extending Training, Consultancy and Services to many countries. ONGC has signed contracts with M/s BAPEX, Bangladesh for rig repair jobs; M/s ADCO, Abu Dhabi for advanced drilling technology; M/s GNPOC, Sudan for carrying out geochemical surveys, analysis and data interpretation and training; and with M/s NIOC, Iran for training of personnel in exploration and drilling activities

(c)&(d):- In order to benefit from emerging overseas business opportunities in the hydrocarbons sector, ONGC has been exploring the possibility of transferring technical know-how, with a special focus on West Asia, Africa and South East Asia. The following business opportunities are being pursued by ONGC in this regard:-

1. Well Control Training in Bangladesh.

2. Water Shutoff jobs & Profile correction for PDO, Oman.

3. Research & Development (R&D) Co-operation Agreement with SQ University, Muscat, Oman.

4. R&D for heavy Oil recovery in Suriname.

As the detailed scope of work and terms and conditions of the cooperation are still being negotiated, it is not possible at this stage to quantify the likely foreign exchange earnings from these ventures.